

CHANNELS IN JAMAICA AND CANARSIE BAYS.

JANUARY 22, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HOOKER, from the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. 233.]

The Committee on Rivers and Harbors, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. Res. 233) directing the Secretary of War to submit estimates for work upon the channels in Jamaica and Canarsie bays, submit the following report:

The improvement contemplated by this resolution is a necessary and important one. The channels are navigated by two lines of steamboats, running 5 boats, and carry about 100,000 people per week during the summer season. It is believed that the entire improvement will not involve much cost. At the present time the only portion of the main channel requiring deepening is that running from the breakwater to Canarsie Landing, a distance of about 1,000 yards. It is now 6 feet, and 8 feet are required for safe navigation. The other improvements include the removal of sharp turns in the channel and a small bar now shutting off navigation between two channels.

The cost of the survey and estimate called for by the resolution is very slight and can be taken out of the appropriation of \$10,000 made for this place.

Your committee therefore report the resolution back to the House with a recommendation for its passage.